

REMARKS

An Office Action was mailed on August 13, 2004, and declared Final. Claims 1 - 40 are pending and stand rejected. The claims are cancelled.

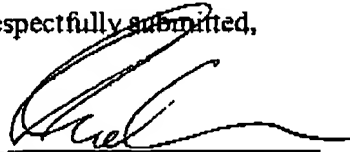
The applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the informal discussion regarding this application. Applicant hereby presents new claims 41 - 50 directed at the interaction of a first and a second character, i.e. a hero and a shadow character, that are associated with each other. Support may be found on at least pages 39 - 42, the accompanying figures and the specification as a whole. No new matter has been added.

It is believed that all currently pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner finds this application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

Any fee due with this paper may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

Respectfully submitted,



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